IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF PUERTO RICO

UNITED	STATES	OF	AMERICA,

Plaintiff

v.

Modesto Frias-Mendez,

Defendant

Criminal No. 21-cr-55-2-RAM

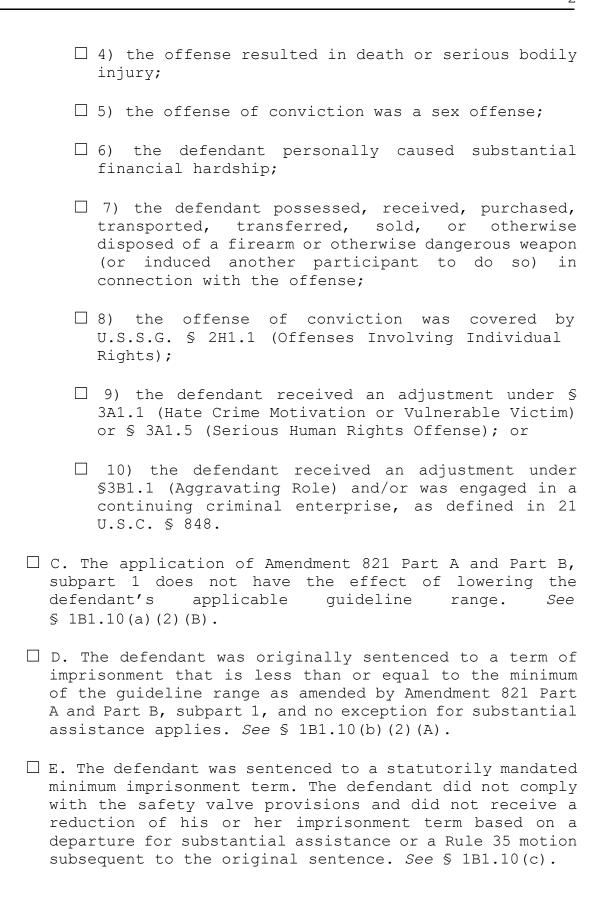
MAGISTRATE JUDGE'S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION Re: Amendment 821

The below report and recommendation relates to an initial determination as to the defendant's eligibility for a sentencing reduction promulgated by the United States Sentencing Commission under Part A and Part B, Subpart 1 of Amendment 821 to Policy Statement § 1B1.10(d).

After careful review of the defendant's presentence report, charging document(s), plea agreement, plea supplement, judgment, and statement of reasons, I recommend that:

☐ The defendant is <u>not</u> eligible for a sentence reduction based on the following factor(s):
☐ A. The guidelines range that applied in the defendant's case was not determined by U.S.S.G. § 4A1.1(d) or defendant's status as a zero-point offender under Chapter 4, Part A.
\square B. The defendant does not meet <u>all</u> of conditions specified by § 4C1.1. Specifically, one or more of the following criteria applies:
☐ 1) the defendant has criminal history points from Chapter Four, Part A;
☐ 2) the defendant received an adjustment under U.S.S.G. § 3A1.4 (Terrorism);
\square 3) the defendant used violence or credible threats

of violence in connection with the offense;



Since a determination of ineligibility has been made, the matter is formally submitted to the presiding District Court Judge. Defense counsel, whether retained, appointed, or pro bono, has fourteen days to object to the initial assessment of ineligibility. After the fourteen day period, and in the absence of an objection by defense counsel, the presiding District Court Judge may adopt the recommendation of the Magistrate Judge and may rule on the motion for reduction of sentence.

 □ The defendant may be eligible for a sentence reduction and therefore the matter is referred to a United States District Judge.

The presiding judicial officer shall wait for the parties' stipulation of a sentence reduction within fourteen days. If no stipulation is reached within this period, the presiding judicial officer shall wait for the United States Probation Office, defense counsel, and the Government's memoranda, which shall be filed within another fourteen days.

Reasons: Defendant was a zero-point offender, Dkt. 117 at 8 \P 34, and his conduct did not implicate the statutory disqualifying factors. *Id.* at 5-6. Given his total offense level of 27, he had a guideline range of 70 to 87 months. Dkt. 147 (SOR) at 1. And he is currently serving a 70-month sentence.

Amendment 821 reduces Defendant's total offense level to 25, giving him a guideline range of 57 to 71 months. Accordingly, he may be eligible for a sentence reduction.

IT IS SO RECOMMENDED.

In San Juan, Puerto Rico, this 10th day of April, 2024.

s/ Bruce J. McGiverin
BRUCE J. McGIVERIN
United States Magistrate Judge